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### *President's Message*

I have been very busy this year. In addition to volunteering at the Brier Canadian Curling Championships, I volunteered at the annual Aggie Day exhibition put on by the Calgary Stampede where we introduce agriculture life and animals to school children. In the three days I volunteered we had about 11,500 children and other visitors tour through the exhibit. My wife and I also set up at the Edmonton Wild Rose antique sale over the Easter weekend where we attempted to sell some of our duplicates and also looked for other treasures. I finally got a chance to work on the membership receipts and cards. The cards and receipts were sent to Ross or distributed as indicated below.

Those who see Ross Kingdon on a regular basis will receive their cards and receipts from Ross in the near future. Those who do not see Ross on a regular basis and still receive a hard copy will have their receipts and cards mailed with this bulletin or with a future bulletin.

Those who do not see Ross on a regular basis and receive their bulletin electronically will have had their receipts and cards mailed to them on April 17th. If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me by mail, at Al Munro, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca).

Speaking of the Edmonton Wild Rose Antique Show and acquisitions I had a very successful show. I acquired a Rainer of Gastown, Vancouver oldie, A Peace River, Alberta 12 Foot Davis oldie, two previous unknown Bingo woods from Edmonton for Castledown Bingo and Argyll Bingo, a wood for Image West Electronics which appears to be from Edmonton and a wood which may be St. John's Newfoundland. I also picked up a few scarce merchants tokens. All in all a very successful show.

We still have not received any nominations to replace Art Stephenson as Vice President. If you are willing to stand for Vice President, or know someone who would make a good vice president, please contact me at the contact points shown above. It would be beneficial, but not required, that anyone who is willing to stand for VP should also be willing to run for election as President when I stand down in a year or so. Regular attendance at our annual meetings would also be beneficial, but again not required. Please consider letting your name stand, or nominate some one else for the V. P. Position.

I would like to remind you that It is not too soon to start making reservation for the annual C.N.A. convention this August in Edmonton. I encourage you to attend this outstanding show and to plan to attend our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting on the Sunday of the convention. Also as indicated in last month's President's message my wife and I will be hosting a barbecue for CAWMC members and spouses at our cabin 40 miles west of Edmonton and all C.A.W.M.C. members and their spouses who are in Edmonton that evening are invited. Details will follow in a later bulletin. Both of these events will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. If you plan on issuing a "wood" for this convention please order them shortly to give the manufacturers sufficient time to produce your order for you. An interesting feature of the Edmonton convention is the Friday night out at Fort Edmonton Park. Fort Edmonton Park issued a series of woods several years ago and I am attempting to obtain a set of these woods to give away as a door prize to someone attending this function.

Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Good luck in your collecting activities.

**PAST PRESIDENTS:****Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977****Victor Hall: 1977 - 1979 \*****Don Robb: 1979 - 1981****Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983****Neil Probert: 1983 - 1985****Norm Belsten: 1985 - 1991****Pat White: 1991 - 1995 \*****Lou Vesh: 1995 - 2001****Earl Salterio: 2001 - 2003 \*****Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005****( \* Deceased)*****Free wood of the month***

Last month we showed two woods as we did not have enough of each to do a mailing, however we were able to dig up more woods so this month the May wood is one of the woods shown last month. While the other wood shown last month is the April wood.



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Of Wooden Money Collectors are:****Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds****United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds****International Members Rate (outside of Canada****And the U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds****Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00****Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643****Stn. 'M' Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1****NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH**

No new members to report this month

***C.A.W.M.C. ELECTIONS***

It that time again when we elect the new executive of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors for a two year team 2009 to 2011. Please give this some thought as to who you would like to run the organization for the next two years. Also please think about standing for office so we have a strong executive to manage the club for the next two years. Remember a club is only as good as it's members and what they contribute to it.

***Colour Catalogue of Canadian Woods***

I have been scanning woods in colour to produce a colour version on the Catalogue which will be released on disk when complete. Unfortunately I do not have all the woods that have been issued and will be asking for help from the members to supply me with either the woods I am missing or a good colour scan of it so I can complete the Catalogue. If I do not have a colour scan I will use a black and white picture in it's place. I will be listing some woods in future Timber Talks that I require for my collection or a colour scan of same and seek your help in acquiring them. For me to print the Catalogue out would be very expensive but to just issue it on disk quite reasonable and I may issue it by areas, East, West, Ontario.

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## OSHAWA &amp; DISTRICT COIN CLUB WOODS

Cat #	Obverse	Reverse	Year	Quant.	Obv.	Rev.	Rarity	Shape	Size in mm
5670-001	Wooden Nickel with club logo	5th Annual Coin A Rama Sept. 17. U.A.W Credit Union Bldg	1966	500	BL	BL	2	RD	38
5670-002A	Club logo	Club logo	1961	?	BL	BL	U	RD	38
5670-002B	Club logo	Club logo	1961	?	GR	GR	U	RD	38
5670-002C	Club logo	Club logo	1961	?	B	B	U	RD	38
5670-003	Friendliest Coin Club in Canada	10 th Annual Coin Show Oct. 31, 1970, Midtown Mall	1970	300	B	B	2	FL	62X100
5670-004	11th Coin A Rama Nov. 6, 1971	Col. R.S. Mc Laughlin 100 th Birthday Sept. 9, 1971	1971	200	R	R	2	FL	62X100
5670-005	Club's 14 th Anniversary	City of Oshawa 50 th Golden Anniversary Nov. 2, 1974	1974	200	B	B	2	FL	62X110
5670-006	Wooden Nickel with club logo	15 th Annual Coin Show Nov. 8, 1975, Midtown Mall	1975	500	GR	GR	2	RD	38
5670-007	Wooden Nickel with club logo	17 th Annual Coin Show Nov. 4, 1978, Midtown Mall S/B 18th	1978	500	R	R	2	RD	38
5670-013A	Wooden Nickel with club logo	Celebrating Coin Week Canada With Coin Show April 24, 1982	1982	200	B	B	1	RD	38
5670-013B	Wooden Nickel with club logo	Celebrating Coin Week Canada With Coin Show April 24, 1982	1982	200	PU	PU	1	RD	38
5670-013C	Wooden Nickel with club logo	Celebrating Coin Week Canada With Coin Show April 24, 1982	1982	200	R	R	1	RD	38
5670-013D	Wooden Nickel with club logo	Celebrating Coin Week Canada With Coin Show April 24, 1982	1982	200	BR	BR	1	RD	38
5670-017	Wooden Nickel with club logo	Celebrating Coin Week Canada with Coin Show April 16, 1983	1983	250	BL	BL	1	RD	38
5670-035	Nov. 18, 1990 30 th Anniversary	ODCC Founded Nov. 1960 30 Anniv. 30 cent Wooden Money	1990	500	L-B	R	1	RD	38
5670-046	Club logo	COIN-A-RAMA O.D.C.C. Pickering Town Centre MAY 15, 93	1993	125	BL	BL	1	RD	38
5670-047	Club logo	COIN-A-RAMA O.D.C.C. Pickering Town Centre Oct 9, 93	1993	125	B	B	1	RD	38
5670-048	35th Anniversary, Thirty five cents	DURHAM COIN 95 AT THE PICKERING TOWN CENTRE	1995	125	B	B	1	RD	45
5670-052	Club logo	City of Oshawa Happy 75 th 1924-1999	1999	125	B	B	1	RD	38
5670-053	45th Anniversary, forty five cents	Celebrating Oshawa District Coin Club 45 years Feb. 18, 2006	2006	100	B	R	1	RD	38

Ink Colour: B-Blue, BL- Black, GR- Green, R- Red, PU- Purple, BR- Brown, L-B - Light Blue

Shape: FL- Flat, RD- Round

Note: All woods have club logo on the Obverse

Having a set of Oshawa woods gives some history of the club leading up to their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. I have only been a member of the Oshawa Coin Club for a short time. I purchased 5 of the Oshawa woods at a Peterborough Coin Show and Bruce Watt gave me some at the last club meeting. I only need five more to complete the set.

Paul Johnson at a Scarborough Coin Club meeting told me about the three unofficial woods from 1961. Elbee from Texas made Oshawa's regular woods at the time and also made woods with the Oshawa's club logo on both sides to sell himself. I do not think these woods are part of the set.

Norm Belsten gave me permission to use information from his 2008 Catalogue Listing Canadian Woods to make a spread sheet for the Oshawa woods. Norm made the woods from 1993 to date for the Oshawa club. Norm also gave me the pricing of woods by rarity which is only a guide. #1 is common we usually pay 50 cents for one, #2 a little harder to get \$1.00, #3 is hard to get and sells for \$3.00 and #4 is really hard to get and is \$5.00 + up. U is an unofficial wood that was not ordered by the issuer. I also got some information on these woods from Canadian Wooden Money Token and Souvenirs June 1979 book by Norman E. Wells and Sharon Mac Lean President of the Oshawa Coin Club.



Submitted by  
David Bawcutt



## ***History of mid-century coin resurfaces Irish collector seeks wooden token from Stan's Groceteria***

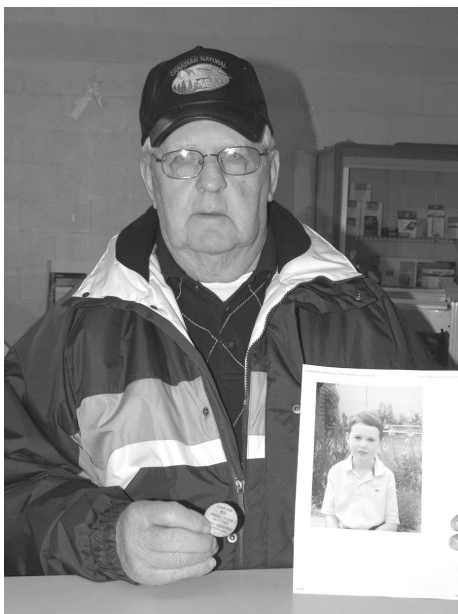
***By Anne Sanderson***

A wooden token that was distributed in Wadena over 50 years ago is in the forefront again, after a token collector from Ireland expressed an interest in obtaining one of them.

This interesting story surfaced a few weeks ago, when Wadena News published a Letter to the Editor. On behalf of his seven-year-old son James, Darryl Atchison of Balleo Woods, Ireland had submitted a letter to several weekly newspapers asking if anyone had one of the tokens issued by Stan's Groceteria.

Apparently the store is shown on a list of over 8,000 businesses that are believed to have issued wooden tokens at some point during the past century. The list has been compiled by a couple of collectors since the late 1970s.

After reading the letter, Stan's son Mike immediately responded as he still has a few of the wooden tokens in his possession. He remembers the wooden tokens, or wooden nickels as they were laughingly called, entitled customers to five per cent off of their next purchase.



"I couldn't believe that someone would actually remember that Dad had given out those old wooden nickels," Sobchishin told Wadena News. "Dad used to jokingly say you will never be broke, if you have one of these."

Although it is not known exactly the year that Stan handed out the wooden tokens according to the list it was sometime in the early 1960s. After opening a service station in 1952, Stan bought a small grocery store in 1953. The original store was located at the former site of the Wadena Co-op grocery store. Stan sold both businesses in 1955 and bought a larger grocery store, which was located where WaterWorld Industries is now located. He and his wife Nellie operated the store until 1962.

"I remember Dad sent the wooden nickels out in Christmas cards to his customers one year," Mike told Wadena News. "I don't remember exactly what year it was but I am thinking that the early 1960s could be correct."

After corresponding with the Atchison family by e-mail using his daughter Terri's computer, Mike wrapped up one of the coins and sent it to Ireland to be added to James' collection. Although she does not remember the tokens, Mike's sister, Mary Romanowich of Esterhazy, who worked in the store for a time, was also intrigued and dug up family photos of her parents' store, which will be forwarded to Ireland to go along with the coin.

Curious about how Stan's Groceteria even ended up on the list, Wadena News contacted the boy's father once again to find out the origin of the list.

"The listing was first compiled by a fellow named Norm Wells from Peterborough who compiled records of known woods beginning in the late 1970s," Atchison told Wadena News. "Wells passed away in 1985 and my friend Norm Belsten has continued to compile the records since then. Wooden tokens have been collected in Canada since the 1950s - currently there are approximately 8,000 pieces on the list."

As for how Stan's Groceteria got onto the list, Atchison says there could be any number of sources.

"Canadian coin collectors gather at a convention every year to buy, sell and trade pieces as well as share their knowledge with other collectors.

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" Atchison told Wadena News. "Wells could have learned about the tokens at one of these conventions or simply by corresponding with some of the manufactures. He knew practically all of the prominent wood money manufacturers - at that time most of the tokens were manufactured in the U.S."

According to Atchison, Canadian coin collectors are a tight-knit group.

"It is also quite likely he simply could have learned of it simply by talking to another coin collector," Atchison concluded. "Correspondence between collectors is extensive - right now my son James and I are corresponding with collectors literally from Miami City, New Brunswick to Victoria, British Columbia. This is one of the most enjoyable and beneficial aspects of collecting - the fraternity we all share."

Atchison sent an e-mail Monday, Feb. 16 and said the tokens had arrived safely in Ireland. Already the young boy has collected about 1,000 tokens, he told Wadena News.

"Each time another one comes in the mail James is very excited," Atchison told Wadena News. "I am thrilled that he has taken an interest in this, it is a great way for him to learn about Canadian history and geography."

Just prior to print, The News did obtain a copy of the page of the report that lists Stan's Groceteria from Norm Belsten. According to the list, Stan's Groceteria was the only business in Wadena to issue the tokens. Stan ordered 500 of the tokens in 1960. Belsten confirmed what Atchinson said.

"The information comes from our members of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, formed in 1975. We have more than 100 members in Canada, United States, and Ireland," he told Wadena News.

### ***The History of Wooden Money***

*By the Canadian Association of Wooden Money collectors*



Wooden money comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. The most common wood is about 38 mm in diameter and printed on both sides. There are also the "Broomsticks" thick and stubby, looking like they were lopped off a broom-handle that measures about 25 mm in diameter. The appearance of woods, along



with the quality has improved over the last few years. Many woods are now hot stamped or silk-screened with the details greatly improved and the designs more elaborate. There have been numerous forms of wooden money over the years. Currently, in Canada there are over 7,500 different woods listed in catalogues and supplements and that is only a small selection of the number of woods that have been distributed. There are still a lot of undiscovered old woods out there that are turning up all the time. While many try - no one collector has them all.

Preceding article was taken from the Wadena News from their page 2 of Feb. 18, 2009 with their permission. Thanks to Anne Sanderson It has been reformatted to fit Timber Talk as their pages are 11" by 17"

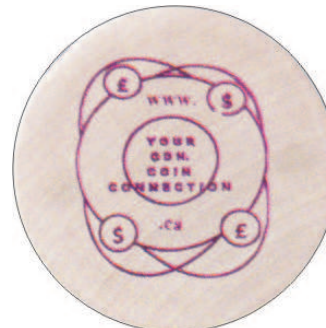
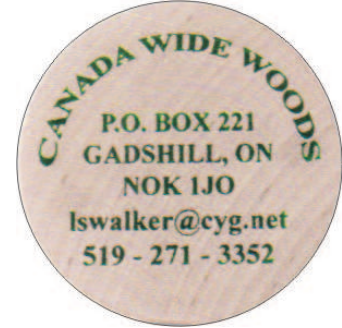


***Woods issued for the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention held in Kitchener, Ontario, hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society.***



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ALL WOODS 45MM  
IN DIAMETER AND  
GOLD IN COLOUR

BLUE  
KITCHENER ONBLACK  
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KITCHENER ONBLACK  
KITCHENER ONGREEN  
KITCHENER ONBLUE  
KITCHENER ONRED  
WATERLOO, ONPURPLE  
WATERLOO, ONGOLD  
WINGHAM, ONGREEN  
STRATFORD, ONBLUE  
STRATFORD, ONBLUE  
WATERLOO, ONBLUE - RED RING  
ORANGEVILLE ON

***Continued next month***